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FOLLOWING REPEAT ALGIERS 1631 ACTION SECSTATE DATED MAY 29, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 1631

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, SS, AG

SUBJECT: POLISARIO AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

REF: STATE 135959

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA REPORTED  
REFTEL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS EXPLICITLY LINKED POLISARIO  
TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND CITED ALGERIA'S LINKS WITH POLISARIO,  
PLO, AND PFLP AS EXAMPLE OF SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM  
THAT WOULD REQUIRE SANCTIONS UNDER ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION  
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NOW PENDING IN SENATE.

2. THIS IS FIRST TIME DEPARTMENT HAS PUT POLISARIO IN SAME  
CATEGORY AS PLO AND PFLP. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, POLISARIO  
HAS NEVER, UNLIKE PLO AND PFLP, ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM  
AS IT HAS HERETOFORE BEEN POPULARLY DEFINED; ALTHOUGH WE DO SEE  
HOW IT MIGHT COME UNDER BROAD DEFINITION OF S2236 (DRAFT II).

3. OUR CONTACTS AT PRESIDENCY AND FONMIN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BEGIN  
TO SEEK AMPLIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SAUNDERS' STATEMENTS. TO ARM OURSELVES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE  
DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON BASIS FOR OUR STATEMENTS ABOUT POLISARIO  
AND ITS SUPPORTERS. STEPHAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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